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SUBJ: MPLA CHARGES OF INVASION OF ANGOLA

REF: A) LUANDA 1289; (B) LUANDA 1288

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED MPLA CHARGES OUTLINED REF A WITH
DEPY SECY FON AFF VAN DALSEN ON SEPT 2. VAN DALSEN
ASSERTED THAT SAG FORCES HAD ONLY TAKEN UP DEFENSIVE
POSITIONS IN THE RUACANA AND CALUEQUE AREAS TO PROTECT
SOUTH AFRICAN OR PORTUGUESE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND
INSTALLATIONS DEEMED VITAL TO SAG. HE SAID THERE HAD
BEEN CONTACTS BETWEEN SAG MILITARY PERSONNEL AND
PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSION MILITARY OFFICERS, WHO FULLY
COGNIZANT OF ACTUAL SITUATION, BUT VAN DALSEN DID NOT
HAVE DETAILS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

2. MPLA CHARGES OF "INVASION" ARE BEING CIRCULATED IN
EUROPE, ACCORDING TO VAN DALSEN, AND SAG MISSIONS ARE
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RECEIVING QUESTIONS OF THIS TYPE.

3. VAN DALSEN HAD NO RPT NO INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIONS OF WHITE ANGOLANS OR MERCENARIES IN PEREIRA D'ECA AREA, OR REPORTS OF NORTHWARD MOVEMENT, REF B. HE DISCLAIMED SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN FACT THAT LOCAL FIGHTING HAS REPORTEDLY DELAYED OR STALLED MOVEMENT AT TIMES OF PORTUGUESE REFUGEES SOUTHWARD INTO SWA, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME SORT OF MILITARY ACTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY REFUGEE PORTUGUESE ELEMENTS IN EFFORT KEEP ROUTES CLEAR.
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